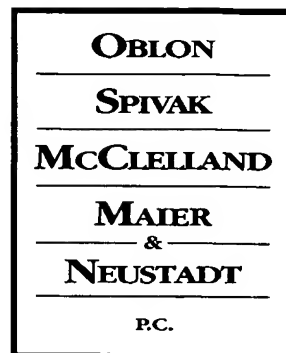




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Applicants: Takuya SAKAGUCHI, et al.
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For: X-RAY DIAGNOSIS APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR OBTAINING X-RAY IMAGE
Group Art Unit: 2882
Examiner: KIKNADZE, IRAKLI

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I, and identify Claims 1-4 and 10-23 as readable on the elected group.

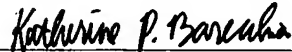
Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement because, as set forth in MPEP § 803: "If the search examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

The claims of Groups I and II appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Therefore, Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-23 be conducted.

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